

I am deeply concerned about the recent decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to force its local stations to air an clearly partisan mockumentary just weeks before the Presidential election, and I would like the FCC to take action to stop Sinclair from doing so.

I think Sinclair's decision is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation: that one person or group's opinion can have too large an influence over what media Americans are exposed to.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I am an American against Media deregulation and consolidation, and I'm an American urging the FCC to put a stop to this partisan low blow.

Thank you.